

If invention II is elected, the Examiner has further required an election of species between THREE species, identified as:

- A Figures 7-10;
- B Figure 11; and
- C Figure 12.

The Applicant hereby traverses the restriction and election requirements on the basis that the above subdivision of the subject matter attempts to separate various features which are explicitly disclosed as being compatible for use as a single embodiment.

Specifically, the seal configurations of Figures 7-11 are alternative seal configurations for use with ANY of the motor configurations of Figures 3A-6D (see for example page 7, lines 6-9). As a result, there is no reason why an election of invention I and species A should preclude consideration of the subject matter of Figures 7-10. If election is required between Figures 7-10 and Figure 11, this should be a separate sub-species election.

In order to try to advance the prosecution efficiently, the Applicant hereby makes a good-faith effort to elect an invention and species as best understood, as follows:

- Invention I Vane motor
- Species A Suggested to be redefined as the embodiment of Figures 4A-4D
- Sub-species C Seals implemented according to Figures 7-10

In order to ensure responsiveness of this response in the event that the Examiner insists on maintaining the subdivision as stated in the Office Action, the Applicant then elects "Invention I" and "Species A" as defined above.

Identification of Claims

Claims which are believed to be either generic or to read on the elected species include the following: claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 11, 16-19, 21 and 22. The Applicant requests that any claim withdrawn from consideration be rejoined in the event that a generic claim is found to be allowable. The Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional application relating to any subject matter which is not currently being examined.

The Applicant looks forward to receiving the results of the Examiner's substantive examination.

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